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1. SUMMARY: MEETING OF NPT PARTIES NOV 20 TO CONSIDER
NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE RES FOCUSED ON PROPOSAL TO FORM
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF TREATY PARTIES SERVING ON IAEA
BOARD OR REPRESENTED AT CCD. SWEDEN AND MEXICO STRONGLY
SUPPORTED DRAFT RES AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REVIEW
CONFERENCE FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.
AUSTRIA, GHANA, FINLAND AND POLAND SUPPORTED RES.

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PHILIPPINES, IRAN, AND ROMANIA WERE ONLY DELS EXPRESSING

SOME RESERVATIONS. CONSENSUS, SUMMARIZED BY UK AND ENDORSED BY CANADIAN CHAIRMAN AT END OF MEETING, FAVORED TABLING RES WITH MINOR CHANGES TO (1) CLARIFY FACT THAT PREPCOM HAS BEEN FORMED BASED ON IAEA BOARD AND CCD, AND (2) AUTHORIZED SYG TO PROVIDE SUMMARY RECORDS. RES WILL BE TABLED TOMORROW MORNING WITH 22 CO-SPONSORS SO FAR, INCLUDING USSR, UK, US, CANADA, SWEDEN, MEXICO, YUGOSLAVIA, AND OTHER ALLIES AND NON-ALIGNED. EFFECT OF MEETING OF PARTIES SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN SETTING STAGE FOR RELATIVELY NON-CONTENTIOUS DEBATE AND ADOPTION OF RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING TO CONSIDER DRAFT RES ON NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, WITH 36 NPT PARTIES PRESENT, WAS HELD MORNING NOV 20 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF BARTON (CANADA). HAINWORTH (UK) DESCRIBED DRAFT RES, ANE ECKERBERG (SWEDEN) AND GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) MADE PRINCIPAL STATEMENTS THEREAFTER. ECKERBERG ENDORSED PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (PARTIES SERVING ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR REPRESENTED AT CCD), THEN NOTED IMPORTANCE OF REVIEW CONFERENCE AS MODEL FOR OTHER TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCES AND AS MEANS OF CORRECTING ANY FLAWS IN NPT. GARCIA ROBLES, WHO SAID HE COULD ADD LITTLE TO HAINWORTH'S EXPLANATION OF PREPCOM, EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF REVIEW CONFERENCE FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS BY NUCLEAR WEAPON PARTIES TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING CTB, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NPT PREAMBLE AND ARTICLE VI.

3. PREPCOM CRITERIA. HAINWORTH NOTED IN OPENING STATEMENT THAT ANY STATES ADHERING TO TREATY BEFORE CONFERENCE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR PREPCOM IF THEY OTHERWISE MET CRITERIA. LIKEWISE ANY PARTIES LEAVING BOARD BEFORE CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE COULD CONTINUE TO SERVE ON PREPCOM, AND PARTIES ELECTED TO BOARD AT ANY FUTURE DATE BEFORE CONFERENCE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN PREPCOM. ROSHCHIN (USSR) LATER ADDED THAT SOVIETS CONSIDERED CRITERIA WOULD ALSO PERMIT PARTICIPATION ON PREPCOM BY ANY PARTIES THAT ARE ADDED TO CCD BEFORE CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE.

4. PHILIPPINES, IRAN, AND ROMANIA WERE ONLY DELS TO EXPRESS OBJECTIONS OR RESERVATIONS ABOUT PREPCOM CRITERIA. CONFIDENTIAL

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YANGO (PHILIPPINES), NOTING THAT PHILIPPINES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR PREPCOM AS MEMBER OF IAEA BOARD, NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT PREPCOM SHOULD INCLUDE NPT PARTIES NOT ON IAEA BOARD OR IN CCD. BAYANDOR (IRAN) SAID MATTER DESERVED FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY NPT PARTIES AND MEETING SHOULD THEREFORE NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH ANY DECISIONS. ENE (ROMANIA) SAID HE REGARDED RES AS PURELY PROCEDURAL AND ROMANIA THEREFORE RESERVED ITS POSITION ON ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT

RELATIONSHIP OF PREPCOM TO NPT CONFERENCE, TO OTHER NPT PARTIES, AND TO NON-PARTIES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO PHILIPPINES, MARTIN (US) SAID PREPCOM COULD BE EXPECTED TO DEVISE ADQUATE PROCEDURES PERMITTING ALL PARTIES TO CONVEY ANY VIEWS THEY MIGHT HAVE. GARICA ROBLES ADDED SUGGESTION THAT PARTIES SHOULD REACH GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT WHEREBY FIRST PREPCOM MEETING WOULD CONSIDER ARRANGEMENT TO PERMIT ANY PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPCOM DISCUSSIONS AFFECTING ITS INTERESTS, AS UN MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO DO IN MEETINGS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL. IN PRACTICE, GARCIA ROBLES ADDED, SUCH REQUESTS WOULD PROBABLY BE FEW. IN REJOINDER, PHILIPPINES THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO GIVE OBSERVER STATUS, WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK AT PREPCOM MEETINGS. TO ANY PARTY THAT REQUESTED IT.

6. GHANAIAN REP SUPPORTED US SUGGESTION REGARDING PREPCOM. GHANA CONCEDED THAT SOME DELS MIGHT CONSIDER PREPCOM CRITERIA TOO RESTRICTIVE; NEVERTHELESS, US SUGGESTION OF PROCEDURE PERMITTING OTHER PARTIES TO CONVEY THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH MEMORANDA SHOULD MAKE PREPCOM SUFFICIENTLY OPEN-ENDED TO SATISFY ANY SUCH CONCERNS. (SUBSEQUENT DECISION BY GHANA TO CO-SPONSOR DRAFT RES WAS ANNOUNCED AT END OF MEETING.) SPEAKING AFTER PHILIPPINES, FINLAND SUPPORTED PROPOSED PREPCOM CRITERIA ON GROUNDS THAT IAEA BOARD AND CCD WOULD PROVIDE EXPERTISE AND COMPETENCE NEEDED FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATION. POLAND (JAROSZEK) LIKewise SUPPORTED PREPCOM ORGANIZATION.

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7. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION SUMMARIZED ABOVE, HAINWORTH MADE TWO PROPOSALS RE OPERATIVE PARA 1 OF RES: INCORPORATION OF PREPCOM CRITERIA (DRAFT WHICH WE CIRCULATED LEFT OPEN QUESTION WHETHER THE CRITERIA SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN RES); AND REPLACEMENT OF "IS BEING FORMED" BY "HAS BEEN FORMED." (LATTER POINT WAS IN RESPONSE TO ROMANIAN COMMENT THAT DRAFT RES DID NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHEN PREPCOM WOULD COME INTO EXISTENCE.) THERE WERE NO FURTHER COMMENTS AND SUBJECT WAS CLOSED AFTER CHAIRMAN DECLARED THAT THERE WAS CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF ABOVE TWO CHANGES AND THAT ANY DELS THAT WISHED TO DO SO COULD PURSUE SUBJECT FURTHER IN FIRST COMMITTEE.

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8. SUMMARY RECORDS. IN OPENING STATEMENT HAINWORTH SAID UK THOUGHT SUMMARY RECORDS WOULD BE DESIRABLE; HOWEVER, IF PARTIES WANTED SUCH RECORDS, A REQUEST FOR THEM WOULD HAVE TO BE MENTIONED IN THE RES. PHILIPPINES SUPPORTED UK SUGGESTION, EMPHASIZING THAT SUMMARY RECORDS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR PREPCOM AS WELL AS FOR CONFERENCE ITSELF. MARTIN (US) SUGGESTED POINT COULD BE COVERED BY REVISING OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF RES TO READ: "PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES, INCLUDING SUMMARY RECORDS, AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE AND ITS PREPARATIONS". GHANAIAN REP SUPPORTED US SUGGESTION. IN HIS SUMMATION, CHAIRMAN NOTED THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF INCLUDING SUGGESTED LANGUAGE REQUESTING SUMMARY RECORDS.

9. ROLE OF IAEA. HAINWORTH'S OPENING STATEMENT INCLUDED EXPRESSION OF UK'S EXPECTATION THAT IAEA WOULD PLAY A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE IN CONFERENCE AND ITS PREPARATION; PREPCOM SHOULD CONSIDER PROPER MANNER OF IAEA PARTICIPATION, PERHAS IN AN "ADVISORY OR CONSULTATIVE ROLE." ECKERBERG AGREED WITH HAINWORTH ABOUT IAEA ROLE AND ADDED THAT PREPCOM WOULD

NO DOUBT ASK IAEA TO PROVIDE PAPERS AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR CONFERENCE. SUBSTANTIAL IAEA ROLE, HE SAID, WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO NPT. AUSTRIAN REP SAID AUSTRIA, AS HOST COUNTRY OF IAEA, APPROVED RES AND WAS READY TO CO-SPONSOR IT. HE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF BRITISH INTERPRETATION REGARDING INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL PARTIES QUALIFYING FOR PREPCOM, AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE PREPCOM WOULD HOLD AT LEAST ONE AND POSSIBLY SEVERAL PREPCOM MEETINGS IN VIENNA.

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10. QUESTION OF UN ROLE WAS RAISED SOMEWHAT TANGENTIALLY BY MALTESE REP, HE THOUGHT RES POSED BOTHERSOME "CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE" SINCE IT IN EFFECT ASKED UN TO DECIDE COMPOSITION OF PREPCOM DESPITE FACT THAT NPT INCLUDED SEVERAL PARTIES THAT DO NOT BELONG TO UN (PRESUMABLY AN ALLUSION TO REPUBLIC OF CHINA, VIETNAM, SAN MARINO, AND HOLY SEE). GARCIA ROBLES REPLIED THT HE THOUGHT MALTA'S POINT DID NOT RAISE ANY REAL DIFFICULTY, SINCE OPERATIVE PARA 1 OF RES DOES NOT CALL FOR UNGA DECISION BUT MERELY TAKES NOTE OF ACTION BY TREATY PARTIES.

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11. PRESENT STATUS OF DRAFT RES. RES WITH REVISED OPERATIVE PARAS (TEXT REPEATED BELOW) WILL BE TABLED TOMORROW MORNING WITH FOLLOWING CO-SPONSORS (OTHERS MAY BE ADDED): AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CANADA, COSTA RICA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, HUNGARY, IRELAND, LEBANON, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NEW ZEALAND, POLAND, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, USSR, UK, US AND YUGOSLAVIA.

12. COMMENT. MEETING OF PARTIES WAS HIGHLY USEFUL WITH ONLY LITTLE EVIDENCE OF RESERVATIONS CONCERNING APPROACH TO PREPCOM WE HAVE FAVORED. UNSOLICITED SUPPORT FROM DELEGATES OF GHANA, FINLAND, AND AUSTRIA, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY MEXICO AND SWEDEN, SHOULD HELP SET STAGE FOR RELATIVELY NON-CONTENTIOUS DEBATE AND ADOPTION OF RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE.

13. REVISED OPERATIVE PARAS OF RES FOLLOW:

"1. TAKES NOTE THAT, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION, A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED OF PARTIES SERVING ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY OR REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RENDER THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES, INCLUDING SUMMARY RECORDS, AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE REVIEW CONFERENCE

AND ITS PREPARATION."

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